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SUBJ: VISIT OF TRANSKEI DELEGATION TO SIERRA LEONE

1. A SIX MAN DELEGATION FROM TRANSKEI VISITED FREETOWN AUGUST 4-7, HEADED BY CHIEF GEORGE MATANZIMA, MINISTER OF JUSTICE. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WERE PROFESSOR N. NJISANA, REPORTED TO BE TRANSKEI'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH AFRICA; MR. ARMSTRONG JONAS, MINISTER OF EDUCATION; MR. M.T. MOLATHWA, MINISTER OF HEALTH; AND TWO PRIVATE SECRETARIES.

2. AT A NEWS CONFERENCE CHIEF MATANZIMA SAID THAT UPON ATTAINING INDEPENDENCE HIS COUNTRY WOULD BECOME A POWER BASE FOR "FREEDOM FIGHTERS." HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "ON BECOMING A SOVEREIGN STATE, WE SHALL COMPLETELY REJECT APARTHEID AND OPT FOR A NON-RACIAL SYSTEM IN WHICH WHITES WOULD NOT CONSIDER THEMSELVES SUPERIOR." THE DELEGATION SAID THAT ONLY WHEN THE TRANSKEI BECOMES INDEPENDENT CAN THEY BECOME CITIZENS OF A STATE IN THEIR OWN RIGHT. THE DELEGATION URGED CRITICS TO ADOPT A WAIT AND SEE ATTITUDE TOWARD TRANSKEI INDEPENDENCE.

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3. IN WELCOMING THE DELEGATION, FOREIGN MINISTER MINAH SAID
THE GOSL "DOES NOT CHANGE ITS OPPOSITION TO SOUTH AFRICA'S
APARTHEID POLICY AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THE BANTUSTON
POLICY OF THAT GOVERNMENT."

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